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1. COPENHAGEN'S 2365 CONFIRMS OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION
THAT ANY INITIATIVE TO INVOLVE DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS
IN SOME MANNER WITH TEAMWORK 76 WOULD BEST COME FROM
NORWAY. ACCORDINGLY, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE,
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SUGGEST OSLO FIND APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO RAISE INFORMALLY

IDEA OF INVOLVING DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS IN TEAMWORK
ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARAS 1-4 REF D WITH GON OFFICIALS,
MAKING CLEAR THAT THIS IS MERELY A FRIENDLY SUGGESTION
THAT GON MAY WISH TO PURSUE AS IT JUDGES BEST AND NOT A
US ACTION PROPOSAL. IF GON SHOULD ASK ABOUT FINANCIAL
OR LOGISTICAL DETAILS, WE RECOMMEND EMBASSY SAY SUCH
QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE NORWEGIANS
AND THE DANES. WITH REGARD TO BRIEFINGS, WE ASSUME THAT
NORWEGIANS THEMSELVES WOULD WISH TO PLAY A ROLE AND THAT
PARTICIPATION FROM AMONG NATO NATION OFFICIALS COULD

BE OBTAINED.

2. WE WOULD OF COURSE ENDORSE HAVING NORWEGIAN AS WELL
AS DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS JOIN IN, AS SUGGESTED REF A.

3. ON REFLECTION, WE ARE SCEPTICAL ABOUT AN INVITATION
TO DANES FROM NATO (I.E., LUNS) ON GROUNDS THAT INVITING
PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT PROVE
AWKWARD VIS A VIS OTHER PARTICIPANTS, OR APPEAR TO DANES
AS TRANSPARENT EFFORT TO AFFECT THEIR INTERNAL DEFENSE
DEBATE. HOWEVER, IF GON HAS NEGATIVE REACTION TO TAKING
THE LEAD, IT MAY BE WORTH EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF A
NATO INVITATION FURTHER, ON ASSUMPTION THAT NORWEGIANS
WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN WITH US IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WE
HAD WITH LUNS OR OTHER OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER.

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